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REMARKS

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, and 5-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Broussard et al. (U.S. Patent 6,317,776). Applicant respectfully traverses.

Broussard et al. discloses an apparatus and method that automatically selects a video stream of a videoconference for transmission or display. The apparatus and method includes receiving video and audio streams over a network and suppressing certain video stream based on the amplitude data of the corresponding audio stream. Broussard et al., however, does not teach or suggest any apparatus or method that reassembles data into a format appropriate for standard media on computer systems as recited in independent claims 1, 6 and 7.

The Examiner contends that Broussard et al. teaches a processor that receives the data and reassembles the data into a format appropriate for standard media on computer systems (col. 6, lines 14-35). Applicant respectfully disagrees. Applicant submits that the disclosure relied on by the Examiner actually teaches away from the present invention. Here Broussard et al. only teaches a processor which is a part of a videoconferencing terminal (see Figure 4). Hence, any purported format conversion would only process data for display on the video-conferencing terminal, not reassembling data into a format appropriate for standard media on computer systems as claimed.

Because Broussard et al. does not teach or suggest each and every aspect of the present invention, Applicant submits that Broussard et al. does not anticipate claims 1, 6 and 7 of the present application. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 1, 2, and 5-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 be withdrawn.

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Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner rejected claims 3, 11, and 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Broussard et al. (U.S. Patent 6,317,776) in view of Mizoguchi (U.S. PUB 2002/0054215). Applicant respectfully traverses.

Broussard et al. has been described above. Mizoguchi teaches a method and apparatus for transmitting images corresponding to each of a plurality of terminals, thereby preventing increases in network traffic and the load on an image transmission apparatus.

Applicant submits that neither Broussard et al. nor Mizoguchi teaches or suggests any apparatus or method that reassembles data created in a format appropriate for a real time transport protocol into a format appropriate for standard media on computer systems as recited by claims 3, 11, and 12. As discussed above, the disclosure of Broussard et al. relied on by the Examiner does not teach or suggest such a limitation. Mizoguchi is not cited to provide teaching on this missing limitation. Thus, even when combined, Broussard et al. and Mizoguchi do not disclose all of the limitations of the claims. More specifically, the combined references do not disclose Applicant's limitation of "reassembling the data into a format appropriate for standard media on computer systems."

As the Examiner will appreciate, an obviousness rejection is only appropriate should the combined references together disclose all of the limitations of the claims. See MPEP § 2143.03. Applicant submits that the combination of Broussard et al. and Mizoguchi does not establish the obviousness of Applicant's independent claims because the combined references fail to disclose all of the limitations of the claims. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 3, 11, and 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be withdrawn.

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Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner rejected claims 4, 16, and 17-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Broussard et al. (U.S. Patent 6,317,776) in view of Walters et al. (U.S. PUB 2001/0052019). Applicant respectfully traverses.

Broussard et al. has been described above. Walters et al. teach a video mail delivery system for generating and transmitting video mail between a sender computer and a receiver computer. A video-streaming server is used to facilitate delivery of multimedia content from a sender computer to a receiver computer.

Applicant submits that neither Broussard et al. nor Walters et al. teaches or suggests any apparatus or method that reassembles data into a format appropriate for standard media on computer systems as claimed herein. As discussed above, the disclosure of Broussard et al. relied on by the Examiner does not teach or suggest such a limitation. Walters et al. provides no teaching or suggestion of such a limitation. Thus, even when combined, Broussard et al. and Walters et al. do not disclose Applicant's limitation of "reassembling the data into a format appropriate for standard media on computer systems."

In view of the above remarks, Applicant submits that the combination of Broussard et al. and Walters et al. does not establish the obviousness of Applicant's independent claims because the combined references fail to disclose all of the limitations of the claims. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 4, 16, and 17-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be withdrawn.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner rejected claim 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Broussard et al. (U.S. Patent 6,317,776) and Mizoguchi (U.S. PUB 2002/0054215), and further in view of Goodwin (U.S. Patent 6,532,232). Applicant respectfully traverses.

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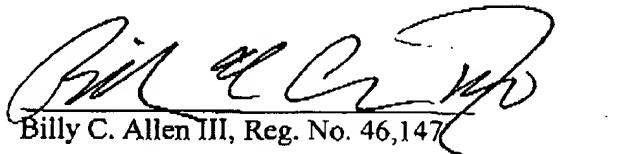
Broussard et al. and Mizoguchi have been discussed above. Goodwin teaches a system and methods of isochronously transporting audio and/or video data in common isochronous packets over a serial bus.

Applicant submits that the combination of Broussard et al., Mizoguchi and Goodwin does not teach or suggest any apparatus or method that reassembles data created in a format appropriate for a real time transport protocol into a format appropriate for standard media on computer systems, as claimed herein. As discussed above, the disclosure of Broussard et al. relied on by the Examiner does not teach or suggest such a limitation. Mizoguchi and Goodwin do not provide any teaching or suggestion of such a limitation. Hence, the combination of the cited references does not establish the obviousness of Applicant's claims because the combined references fail to disclose all of the limitations of the claims. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claim 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be withdrawn.

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Applicant submits that all of the pending claims are allowable, and respectfully requests that a Notice of Allowance Issue for these claims.

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